

From James W. Bryan.

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Newbern,

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Your majority in Craven is 100—in Carteret between 80 & 100—in Jones 49—in Pitt we learn about 200—in Beaufort Co. (official) 414—in Washington County 237—in Wayne the vote, we learn, stands Graham 317, Shepard 884.

Street ³² is elected over Chadwick,³³ Whig, to the Senate in this Co. by two votes—this election can easily be set aside in favour of Chadwick if it should become necessary. Street has received a number of illegal votes, and Chadwick is truly and honestly elected.

Washington³⁴ and Guion³⁵ are elected (Whigs) to the Commons, by large majorities. Howard ³⁶ is elected in the Senatorial district of Jones and Carteret, and Foy,³⁷ Whig, from Jones, in the Commons. Piggott,³⁸ Whig, is elected from Carteret. Wm. Ferrand,³⁹ Loco, is elected to the Senate in Onslow, & Cox in the Commons. We have gained a member in Lenoir;⁴⁰ he has heretofore been an “independent,” but will vote with the Whigs now. Speight ⁴¹ has beaten Taylor⁴² (Whig) in the Senatorial district of Greene and Lenoir—and Edwards⁴³ has beaten Horn, Whig, in Greene. This is all the election news we have.

We reached home safely and leave for Beaufort the last of this week. I have only time to write you this short note.

³² Nathan H. Street, of New Bern, state senator, 1846, 1860.

³³ Samuel Chadwick, of New Bern, member of the commons, 1854.

³⁴ William Henry Washington, of Craven, member of congress, 1841-1843, of the commons, 1846, and of the state senate, 1848-1852.

³⁵ Henry T. Guion, of Craven, member of the commons, 1846.

³⁶ James W. Howard, of Jones, member of the commons, 1831, 1834-1835, state senator, 1842, 1846.

³⁷ William Foy, of Jones, member of the commons, 1844-1846.

³⁸ Jennings Piggott, of Carteret, member of the commons, 1846-1850. In December, 1862, he was elected to the Federal congress in a so-called election, ordered by Edward Stanly as military governor, but was not seated.

³⁹ William Pugh Ferrand, of Onslow, briefly a student of the university, a physician, member of the commons, 1826. He was not elected nor was Cox.

⁴⁰ Jesse Jackson, of Lenoir, member of the commons, 1844-1846.

⁴¹ Edwin G. Speight, of Greene, member of the state senate, 1842-1850.

⁴² John W. Taylor, of Greene, member of the commons, 1840-1842.

⁴³ James G. Edwards, of Greene, member of the commons, 1844-1848.